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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6,7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted Prior Art in view of Wong and Smith.

Applicant's admitted Prior Art discloses a method of receiving an electronic purchase order (p2, line 20); performing a predefined FCT computation procedure to compute for a set of FCT data based on the received electronic purchase order (p.3, lines 1 and 3) and performing a predefined STFC computation procedure (page 3 lines 6-8). However nothing is admitted about posting of the FCT/STFC on a server rather than an automated process.

However, Wong discloses a web based B2B method whereby the client is able to view order and shipment status via the web which is read as posting data on a server linked via the internet. It would be obvious to modify the method of AAPR to include this feature because an automated posting system would allow a customer to view data at his/her convenience.

Wong and AAPA appear not to disclose using the STFC server to compute a predefined STFC computation. But, Smith does disclose such a step/feature wherein data on a dedicated server is converted to SQL and then uses the converted data to perform a needs based calculation. See col. 15 lines 23-37. It would be obvious to

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modify the above combination to include the SQL server calculation as part of the needs based calculation for a (STFC) process because the motivation is that this language is the de facto standard for relational databases, which is the environment of the combination at hand.

RE claim 7:

the proposed combination discloses

an EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) platform -AAPA

(b) an SAP (Service Advertising Protocol)-platform -AAPA

(c) an SQL (Structured Query Language) server- Smith, and

(d) a WWW (World Wide Web) server -Wong.

The language following the "for" is deemed functional and is given no weight.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Joseph A. Fischetti at telephone number (703) 305-0731.



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